

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A head protecting airbag device comprising an airbag folded in the upper edge of windows inside a vehicle in undeployed condition, and the head protecting airbag device is deployable upon inflow of inflation gas to cover the vehicle's inner side of the windows, the airbag comprising:

a gas admissive portion inflatable by admitting inflation gas while separating an inner side wall and an outer side wall respectively thereof; and

a non-admissive portion admitting no inflation gas, wherein:

the gas admissive portion ~~comprising~~ comprises a gas feed passage and an inflatable shielding ~~portion,~~ portion;

the gas feed passage ~~being disposed~~ is located along the upper edge of the airbag extending in the front-rear direction of the ~~vehicle,~~ vehicle;

the inflatable shielding portion ~~being located~~ is located below the gas feed passage for covering the inner side of the windows upon deployment, the inflatable shielding portion ~~comprising~~ comprises:

a plurality of protection portions juxtaposed along the front-rear direction of the ~~vehicle;~~ and vehicle, wherein the protection portions are partitioned from the gas feed passage by the non-admissive portion;

a plurality of vertical passages vertically disposed in the front and rear of each of the protection portions, the vertical passages being communicated at upper ends with the gas feed ~~passage,~~ and passage; and

a communication passage located below the protection portions and extending along a lower edge of the airbag wherein:

each of the protection portions ~~admitting~~ receives inflation gas via the vertical passages, ~~whereby~~ for protecting heads of occupants upon deployment of the ~~airbag~~ airbag; and

the communication passage is communicated with the vertical passages such that inflation gas enters the vertical passages and then the communication passage before entering the protection portions.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Original) The head protecting airbag device according to Claim 1, wherein:

out of the protection portions, at least a foremost protection portion for covering a window at the side of front seat comprises a plurality of vertical inflatable portions juxtaposed along the front-rear direction of the vehicle, each of the vertical inflatable portions being disposed vertically and being communicated at lower end thereof with the communication passage.

4. (Currently amended) A head protecting airbag device comprising an airbag folded in the upper edge of windows inside a vehicle in undeployed condition, and the head protecting airbag device is deployable upon inflow of inflation gas to cover the vehicle's inner side of the windows, the airbag comprising:

a gas admissive portion inflatable by admitting inflation gas while separating an inner side wall and an outer side wall; and

a non-admissive portion admitting no inflation gas, wherein:

the gas admissive portion comprises a gas feed passage and an inflatable shielding portion;

the gas feed passage is located along the upper edge of the airbag extending in the front-rear direction of the vehicle;

the inflatable shielding portion is located below the gas feed passage for covering the inner side of the windows upon deployment, the inflatable shielding portion comprises:

a plurality of protection portions juxtaposed along the front-rear direction of the vehicle, wherein the protection portions are partitioned from the gas feed passage by the non-admissive portion; and

a plurality of vertical passages vertically disposed in the front and rear of each of the protection portions, the vertical passages being communicated at upper ends with the gas feed passage, wherein:

each of the protection portions receive inflation gas via the vertical passages, for protecting heads of occupants upon deployment of the airbag;~~The head protecting airbag device according to Claim 1, wherein:~~

each of the protection portion-portions comprises a plurality of transverse inflatable portions juxtaposed in the vertical direction, each of the transverse inflatable portions being disposed along the front-rear

direction of the vehicle and being communicated with the vertical passages, and

the inflatable shielding portion further comprises vertical inflatable portions vertically disposed next to the vertical passages in the front and rear of the vertical passages.

5. (Currently amended) A head protecting airbag device comprising an airbag folded in the upper edge of windows inside a vehicle in undeployed condition, and the head protecting airbag device is deployable upon inflow of inflation gas to cover the vehicle's inner side of the windows, the airbag comprising:

a gas admissive portion inflatable by admitting inflation gas while separating an inner side wall and an outer side wall; and

a non-admissive portion admitting no inflation gas, wherein:

the gas admissive portion comprises a gas feed passage and an inflatable shielding portion;

the gas feed passage is located along the upper edge of the airbag extending in the front-rear direction of the vehicle;

the inflatable shielding portion is located below the gas feed passage for covering the inner side of the windows upon deployment, the inflatable shielding portion comprises:

a plurality of protection portions juxtaposed along the front-rear direction of the vehicle, wherein the protection portions are partitioned from the gas feed passage by the non-admissive portion; and

a plurality of vertical passages vertically disposed in the front and rear of each of the protection portions, the vertical passages being communicated at upper ends with the gas feed passage, wherein:

each of the protection portions receive inflation gas via the vertical passages, for protecting heads of occupants upon deployment of the
airbag;~~The head protecting airbag device according to Claim 1, wherein:~~

the protection portion comprises a plurality of non-admissive portions disposed spottedly, thereby forming trifurcated inflation tops in the middle of the non-admissive portions; and

the inflatable shielding portion further comprises vertical inflatable portions vertically disposed next to the vertical passages in the front and rear of the vertical passages.

6. (Currently amended) A head protecting airbag device comprising: an airbag folded in the upper edge of windows inside a vehicle in undeployed condition, and the head protecting airbag device is deployable upon inflow of inflation gas; and an inflator for supplying inflation gas to the airbag, the airbag comprising a gas admissive portion inflatable upon inflow of inflation gas, the gas admissive portion comprising:

a window-ward shielding portion for covering the vehicle's inner side of the windows;
and

a roof-ward shielding portion for covering the vehicle's inner side of a body-ward member in a roof side rail located above the windows, respectively upon deployment,
~~and~~ wherein:

the window-ward shielding portion ~~being positioned~~ is positioned upstream ~~than~~
~~the of the~~ roof-ward shielding portion in the flow of inflation ~~gas~~ gas;

the inflator is located in the upper edge of the windows;

the airbag comprises a joint port disposed in the upper edge of the windows so as
to be connected to the inflator; and

the roof-ward shielding portion comprises a cover portion for covering the
vehicle's inner side of the inflator upon deployment of the airbag.

7. (Original) The head protecting airbag device according to Claim 6, wherein:

the airbag further comprises a plurality of mounting portions at the upper edge of the window-ward shielding portion for securing the airbag to the body-ward member in the upper edge of the windows;

the mounting portions are disposed in the area of the roof-ward shielding portion, and have slits in the upper periphery thereof.

8. (Canceled)